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SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: KUWAIT HOUSING PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1974 FROM HMOOD AL-NISF, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CHAIRMAN NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS, I WISH TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST THAT AMERICAN HOUSING OFFICIALS VISIT KUWAIT TO DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED. WE FOUND OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. PETER KIMM, MR. RONALD RUSSELL AND OTHER HOUSING EXPERTS TO HAVE BEEN INFORMATIVE AND USEFUL.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT ATTACHES GREAT URGENCY TO THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY,
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AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN QUICKLY TO ORGANIZE

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THE AUTHORITY SO THAT IT CAN DO ITS WORK.

4. I THEREFORE WISH TO FOLLOW-UP AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE ON THE SUGGESTIONS MADE TO US BY MR. IIMM AND MR. RUSSELL IN THE PROPOSAL WHICH THEY SUBMITTED TO US ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1974. WE AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND AGREE TO THE TERMS CONTAINED IN THAT PROPOSAL. SPECIFICALLY, WE REQUEST THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROVIDE A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE TEAM WOULD ASSIST THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY IN ITS ORGANIZATION, FORMULATION OF PRIORITIES AND POLICIES AND IDENTIFICATION OF INITIAL PROJECTS. EVENTUALLY, WE SHALL WANT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SPECIALISTS AND EXPERTS WHO COULD REMAIN IN KUWAIT TO ADVISE THE AUTHORITY. THIS SECOND PHASE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE DESCRIBED IN MORE DETAIL FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION AND OUR REVIEW OF THE INITIAL STUDY DESCRIBED ABOVE.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT AGREES TO PAY ALL THE COSTS OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS INDICATED IN THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 24. THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT, FURTHERMORE, AGREES TO MAKE AN ADVANCE PAYMENT INTO A REVOLVING FUND FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF ASSISTANCE. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND ASSUMING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGREES, THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT WILL PREFER TO HANDLE PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH EXISTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ADVISERS PRESENTLY AT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS.

6. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUING COOPERATION, I AM, SINCERELY YOURS (SIGNED)
END TEXT.
STOLTZFUS

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